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## Limiting the Idling of Diesel-Fueled Vehicles



### What does the law require?

#### Starting 2/1/05 this law affects:

- Commercial vehicles that weigh >10,000 lbs.
- Diesel-fueled
- Both California and non-California based Trucks

#### Starting 2/1/05 this law will:

- Limit idling to **5 minutes within California**
- Limit the use of diesel auxiliary power systems and main engines to **5 minutes when within 100 feet of homes or schools** while driver is resting

**See below for when longer idling is allowed**

### What is idling?

Idling is the running of the vehicle engine at any location while the vehicle is stationary.

### What can you do?

You can report a suspected violation by:

- Calling 1-800-END-SMOG (1-800-363-7664)
- Submitting an online complaint at:  
[http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/vehcmplts/idle\\_complaint.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/vehcmplts/idle_complaint.htm)
- Contact local air pollution control agency

## WHEN IDLING IS ALLOWED:

- ◆ Buses (other than school buses) can idle 10 minutes prior to passenger boarding and when passengers are on board
- ◆ If a vehicle is stuck in traffic, while stopped at a light or while queuing
- ◆ When forced to remain motionless due to adverse weather conditions (such as being stuck in a snow storm)
- ◆ During engine testing, servicing or repairing (cleaning of commercial vehicles/trucks/buses is not considered servicing)
- ◆ When operating equipment such as a crane, turning the mixer of a cement truck, garbage collection, etc.
- ◆ When preventing a health emergency (such as special needs children that require a certain temperature)
- ◆ Idling of military vehicles during training
- ◆ Idling by vehicles operating equipment as prescribed by the Americans with Disabilities Act
- ◆ When idling is necessary to power a heater or air conditioner while using a sleeper berth (Usually on large semi-trucks)\*

\*This exception is **NOT** valid when a vehicle is within 100 feet of a restricted area. The law defines a restricted area as "any real property zoned for individual or multifamily housing units that has one or more of such units on it". Simply put, a "restricted area" would be any type of home or dwelling. In addition, idling within 100 feet of schools is also limited to 5 minutes as defined in a different California regulation (Section 2480, title 13, California Code of Regulations).